

October 8, 2002

The Federal Communications Commission
c/o Marlene H. Dortch
Commission Secretary
445 12th Street SW, CY-B402
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Proceeding 02-306

Dear Commissioners:

As Mayor of the City of Pasadena, I am urging your favorable consideration to SBC Pacific Bell's application for approval to enter the long distance telecommunications market.

Several other states have already been granted approval for an open market, and their customers are experiencing significant cost savings—a real boon to most people's wallets in these times of economic uncertainty. I believe that the time has come for California businesses and residents to benefit from these savings as well.

SBC Pacific Bell has proven itself to be a good corporate citizen—providing thousands of jobs to Pasadena area residents and acting as a major sponsor and donor to many community programs and services. I applaud SBC Pacific Bell for their award-winning efforts in supplier, management and employee diversity.

Please consider support for SBC Pacific Bell's application—they have proven themselves time and time again that they are qualified to offer quality telephone service to Californians.

Sincerely,

BILL BOGAARD
Mayor

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